

DOUGAN CALLS HAPPIEST MOMENT ONE WHEN STRUCK OUT BY COBB

Says Bases Were Full and Cobb, Letting Some Wild Ones Pass, Settled Down to Business, But Failed to Hit the Good Ones; Second Happiest Moment Was When He Knocked Out Seven in Four Innings.

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The happiest moment of my life, says "Wild Bill" Donovan, who is serving time as manager of the Yankees, passed, looked out into space for a moment or so, and then his face beamed.

"Why, I lived that happiest moment last summer in Detroit when I accomplished what some folks claimed was impossible—knocking out of Ty Cobb, with the bases full, answered 'Wild Bill'.

"Ty Cobb started the game and was knocked out of the box. I didn't have any other pitchers to shove in, so I went in myself. I passed the first batter. The next one went out on a fly. He did the third. I hit the fourth batter in the ribs with a round home curve, and filled the bases by walking the next Detroit batter.

Up Came Trues.

"Then came Trues. He was running and the crowd was kidding me in a good natured way. I shot up one to Ty and it was wide. The next one was wide. I didn't put 'em over. The crowd was giving me the merry ha-ha and telling me that 'you used to be a pitcher, Bill, but that was 10 years ago.'"

"Well, then I hitched up my little pail and tightened my belt. I shot the next ball over for a called strike. I put the next one in the groove and Ty didn't make a swing at it. It was strike two. Ty fouled off the next two.

Cobb Made a Mistake.

"With the count two-two Ty probably figured that I'd waste a ball in an effort to get him to swing at it. But I fooled him. I threw a roundhouse curve and right into the groove. Ty made a vicious swing at it—and missed. I had struck out Ty Cobb with the bases full, and the oration that I got

School Sports, Juvenile Sports, Boys' Amateur Sports, and News and Gossip of the "Future Grinders."

BY "BECK."

In Boyland:

FELDMAN JUNIORS went in an announcement that their average age is 12 years and the average weight 85 pounds. "Let 'em come," is their advice. "Who's next? It's time the teams were getting organized. Send in your list of players, notes on your games, challenges, etc. Get busy now!"

Two boys took part in the trapshoot of the Pans City Gun club at the trap near the Country club. Sunday, and handed the trophy to the winner. Trap shooting is a good clean sport. If you own a shotgun, arrange to take part in the next shoot. Call up Ernest Hughes at Feldman's and he'll tell you how to join the club.

The Grammar Schools Baseball League is to be started again very soon. Arrangements are now under way to secure the use of Washington park and possibly also of Rio Grande park for these contests.

If you know any sport or athletic news of the boys' organizations, act as a reporter and send the dope in to the boyland department.

The Saturday Evening Post newsboys have decided to organize a baseball team and will hold their first practice on Monday. They are anxious to secure baseball suits and will endeavor to arrange a regular schedule of games for the season. They want to arrange games with the Feldman Juniors and the Sunset school teams.

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"Beck's" Amen Corner

BY "BECK."

ATHLETES competent to take part in the national Y. M. C. A. Hexathlon are reminded that the time for the contests is getting mighty close. El Paso made a fine showing last year and it is up to the local athletes to make good again this year. Practice will do it.

SPRING training for the major league clubs has started. The Yankees have departed from New York for Macon, Ga. In fact, if the schedule is carried out, "Wild Bill" Donovan will have his men batting fungoes this afternoon.

PAT MORAN, manager of the Phillies, is a brave man. It takes a brave man to tell the home fans that his team isn't good enough to win the pennant but that's what Moran has confided to the Quaker hoisters. However, he has hopes he will be able to land a few good men to strengthen the club and put it in the pennant scramble.

PITTSBURG lawyer who is a "walking bug" went to Barney Dreyfuss the other day and suggested that the best training for the Pirates would be to have them walk to the training camp. But can you imagine some of the pampered young baseball pets hoofing it about 700 miles? It will take a good imagination.

NEW YORK sport writers are having all kinds of fun over the sudden "illness" of Jess Willard. They quote Tom Jones as saying Willard has "a cold" and then proceed to suggest that the cold is in his feet. The scribes seem to have an idea that when the trainers got hold of Jess they found that he was so badly out of condition that it will take several weeks to get him in shape and that the "illness" was invented to gain some much needed time.

AS the New York state laws positively forbid a championship fight, the announcement of weights for the various boxing divisions by the state boxing commission seems to be something in the nature of a big joke.

NO RECORDS were broken in the International Bowling congress tournament at Minneapolis. The high score for five-man teams in three games was 2882, made by the Central of Minneapolis. Last year the Dora team of St. Paul won the event with a score of 3004. The next big tournament will be the A. B. C. at Toledo.

CHICAGO sport writers have declared war on Heine Zimmerman and declare that the sooner he quits talking and kicking and gets down to playing baseball the better it will be for the game.

JOE MANDOT got a referee's decision over Johnny Dundee in New Orleans Monday night but the geographic accounts of the bout are not very enthusiastic. The talk of the winner meeting Freddie Welsh on March 4 seems to have been all bunk, for Freddie is in Chicago and due to box in Milwaukee on March 6.

LEACH CROSS is about done as a fighter. The Bowery dentist has been in the game for ten years and has had some tough battles. He is just a little over 30 years of age and can no longer stand up to a tough opponent. At that, Milburn Saylor, who took his measure Monday night, is no youngster. He is 27 years of age and has seen fighting for over eight years.

REMEMBER that there will be a City league basketball game at the "Y" on Wednesday night and there is also a prospect that one of the postponed games will be pulled off, giving the fans a doubleheader.

LEONARD KNOCKS OUT MURPHY IN LAST MINUTE
Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—Benny Leonard, the New York lightweight, knocked out Jimmy Murphy of this city, in the last minute of a six round bout here Monday night. Leonard outpointed Murphy throughout the entire six rounds. In the sixth, he hooked a right to the jaw, flooring Murphy. The latter, without waiting to rest, jumped to his feet, but was met by rights and lefts which rendered him unconscious for three minutes.

Speaker Is Said To Get \$18,500 a Year

Cobb Actually Recives \$15,000—Cash

By DAMON RUNYON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Bert Bergman, of Bridgeport, Conn.—the home of Ray Keating, battling Levinson and the munition factories—propounds a brace of queries.

"What," inquires Bert, "was the reported salary of Ty Cobb, of the Boston Red Sox, for the season of 1915? Also, who is the highest priced player in either league?"

The reported salary of the Lone Star Rangler for 1915 was \$18,500. When Ty Cobb was in the game in March, 1914, with the baseball delegation which made a tour of the world, he was met by Joseph Lannin, president of the Red Sox, and signed to a two year contract at the above figure, according to the rumors prevalent at that period.

We never heard Mr. Lannin say that he was paying Ty \$18,500 per year, but neither did we ever hear of Mr. Lannin denying the rumor that the Texas go-getter was receiving that salary. We never take much stock in the salary figures given out by the magnates, as they are inclined to enlarge upon those matters, partly from force of habit and partly because of a mistaken idea that it is a boost to baseball, but in the Speaker case we are constrained to believe that he got almost as much as stated. We believe he got around \$15,000 per season, anyway.

It was war time in baseball when those baseball magnates returned and money meant nothing to the magnates, so it is possible Speaker really received the \$18,500 so lightly mentioned then. You may recall that Bob Hedeker, former president of the St. Louis Browns, met the home-coming tourists with Lannin and other baseball notables, and urged the baggage of one Lefty Levern, a southpaw pitcher, finally saying, "I'm going to buy you a new baseball, but in the Speaker case we are constrained to believe that he got almost as much as stated. We believe he got around \$15,000 per season, anyway."

Cobb Gets the Money.

Returning to Ty, we find that he was supposed to be the highest salaried active ball player in the game for the past two years, that supposition being based on the \$18,500 salary. If Ty received \$15,000 he was probably getting no more money than the redoubtable Tyus Raymond Cobb.

We are not pretending to speak with any authority, but we are informed by people who ought to be in a position to know, that the Gem of Georgia gets all of \$15,000 from the Detroit club, and he will add several thousand dollars more to his income in the course of the season in various ways.

Cobb is now very likely the highest salaried active player in the land, as the war is over, and it is said Ty's salary has slunk back to \$10,000 per year. The Texan never compared with Cobb as a gate attraction. No other player in the country, with the possible exception of Mathewson, has been as good a drawing card the past few years as the star of Dixie. Number of appearances considered, Matty has probably produced more money at the turnstile than Tyus, but in the aggregate Cobb's record in that respect, could it be definitely computed, would doubtless be found to exceed Matty's, for the reason that Cobb has been in the game nearly every day.

Let it be said, to the credit of the New York club that it has never attempted to take undue advantage of Mathewson's name and fame, nor sought to make capital of the great pitcher by hypodroming him in any way. Had it pursued the policy of announcing in advance when "Big Sam" was to work a game, it could have doubled the attendance and the receipts for that day—at least for a time.

The Fan Objects.

It would have been a bad policy in the long run, however, for the curious baseball fans are quick to resent anything that partakes of the commercial hallyhoo in connection with their game. One day last summer the announcer at the Polo grounds went about the field proclaiming that a staff is in good condition, and working in turn, but he likes to think that the manager is going to look his staff over just before the game and use the hurler who seems best qualified to work that day. And that, of course, is what the sensible manager does.

We seem to be drifting far from Mr. Bergman and his queries, but we might as well serve the Giants as long as he has served the Braves, and because of the saving policy that has been pursued with him by John J. McGraw, and none in Matty's time just because managers took advantage of their willingness to work constantly, Mathewson has been willing enough, but Mo-

BY TAD

DUNDEE LOSES TO JOE MANDOT

Verdict Awarded on Score of Better Infighting. Goes 20 Rounds.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 22.—Joe Mandot, of New Orleans, was awarded a referee's decision over Johnny Dundee, of New York, at the end of a 20 round boxing contest held at a local arena Monday night. The lightweights were regarded as evenly matched, Mandot securing the decision as the result of quicker infighting action, it was claimed.

Harry Stone of New York challenged the winner.

The first 15 rounds were about evenly divided, Mandot being awarded seven and Dundee six, with two giving no advantage to either contestant. Mandot took the lead from the 16th round and until the end, and was in no danger except in the 18th, when Dundee had a decided advantage. The only time when it appeared a decisive blow might be struck was in the 15th round, when Mandot staggered his opponent with a heavy right cross to the jaw. Dundee recovered speedily.

When the final gong rang both men were fighting furiously in the center of the ring. Neither fighter was forced to the ropes at any time, all the boxing being done near the center of the ring. Weights were given out by managers of the fighters as follows: Mandot 125 and Dundee 137 1/2. They fought at catch weight, however.

SAYLOR KNOCKS OUT CROSS, FIFTH ROUND

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 22.—Milburn Saylor of Indianapolis, knocked out Leach Cross here Monday night in the fifth round of a scheduled 10 round bout. It was Saylor's fight throughout. In the third Cross took the count of nine three times. Cross lasted through the fourth by clinching, while in the fifth round, after being knocked down twice, his seconds threw up the sponge. The count of nine with Cross on the floor and apparently unable to rise.

Added to this is Edward's salary, which is said to be \$12,000 per year.

Collins is not much of an individual drawing card, but he is a mighty factor in assisting a team to victory, and enough victories make a winning card of any team as a whole. It is not believed that Christy Mathewson gets as much as \$12,000 a year. Walter Johnson is said to be paid just that, despite rumors to the effect that he was to receive \$17,000 per season.

Benny Kauff will probably prove a strong enough card to repay the Giants for their investment in him, whether he makes good or not. If he lives up to his Federal league reputation, his value will be all the greater, and, moreover, it will be permanent. Jim Thorpe has never yet made good as a big league ball player, but James very likely represents a certain profit as a drawing card. At least, he is scarcely a loss.

The White Sox used to have a fellow who was a great card, though he was not much of a ball player. That was Ping Bodie, heralded as the fence huster of the far sticks. Frank Baker, just turned 30, is a fellow who will prove a big card for a time, or until the novelty of his return wears off, but even if Frank performs a complete comeback he will never rank with the real turnstile-twirlers of baseball.

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